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Security Council

10 a.m.	5999th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

Morning[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

Other matters

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 5999th meeting.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and Associated Individuals and Entities

3–6 p.m.	Informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 6

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m.	30th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council[1] [103 (b)]

[1] There will be also a by-election for a seat for the Western European and other States: letter from Iceland (A/63/493).

General Assembly
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General Committee

The General Committee will hold its 3rd meeting (closed) on Thursday, 23 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (see p. 12).

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General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held on Thursday, 23, and Friday, 24 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway). For further information, including background materials, please consult the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

General Assembly
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Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 15th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 81 to 96: *item 81* (A/63/97 and A/63/97/Add.1); *item 82* (A/C.1/63/L.12*); *item 83* (A/63/62-S/2008/123 and A/C.1/63/L.3); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/63/139); *item 86* (A/63/115 (Part I), A/63/115 (Part I)/Add.1 and A/C.1/63/L.1); *item 87* (A/C.1/63/L.7*); *item 88* (A/C.1/63/L.4); *item 89* (A/63/73-S/2008/297, A/63/91, A/63/114, A/63/114/Add.1, A/63/116, A/63/117, A/63/117/Add.1, A/63/120, A/63/120/Add.1, A/63/122, A/63/126, A/63/134, A/63/135, A/63/136, A/63/136/Add.1, A/63/153, A/63/158, A/63/158/Add.1, A/63/170, A/63/170/Add.1, A/63/171, A/63/171/Add.1, A/63/176, A/63/182, A/63/261, A/63/334, A/C.1/63/3, A/C.1/63/4, A/C.1/63/L.5, A/C.1/63/L.14, A/C.1/63/L.16*, A/C.1/63/L.32 and A/C.1/63/L.37); *item 90* (A/63/129, A/63/157, A/63/162, A/63/163, A/63/164 and A/63/178); *item 91* (A/63/27 (Supp. 27), A/63/42 (Supp. 42)*, A/63/177 and A/63/279); *item 92* (A/63/115 (Part II) and A/C.1/63/L.2); *item 93*; *item 94* (A/63/138); *item 95* (A/63/124); and *item 96* (A/C.1/63/L.11)

[Other documents: A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/2, A/C.1/63/CRP.1, A/C.1/63/CRP.2/Rev.1, A/C.1/63/INF/1 and A/C.1/63/CRP.3]

1. Thematic discussion on the issue of conventional weapons
2. Thematic discussion on the issue of other disarmament measures and international security

3. Thematic discussion on the issue of Regional disarmament and security

Panellists:

High Representative for Disarmament Affairs; Chief of the Regional Disarmament Branch; and Directors of the three United Nations Regional Centres for Peace and Disarmament

[*Note:* The list of side events during the session of the First Committee can be consulted at <www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/docs/2008/63_session_side_events.pdf>.]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 14th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Questions relating to information (A/63/21 and A/63/258) . . . . . [32]

Interactive dialogue

General debate

Action on the draft resolutions and the decisions contained in document A/63/21

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 14th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Eradication of poverty and other development issues (A/63/123 and A/C.2/63/3[1]) [53]

(a) Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) (A/63/159 and A/63/190)

(b) Industrial development cooperation (A/63/309)

Introductory statements, followed by "question time"

General discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . 15th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Eradication of poverty and other development issues (A/63/123 and A/C.2/63/3[1]) [53]

(a) Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) (A/63/159 and A/63/190)

(b) Industrial development cooperation (A/63/309)

Conclusion of general discussion

[*Note:* The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

[1] To be issued.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 20th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of human rights (A/63/123, A/63/370-S/2008/614 and A/63/281-S/2008/431) . . . . . [64]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/63/259, A/63/272, A/63/287, A/63/293, A/63/293/Corr.1, A/63/299, A/63/365, A/63/340, A/63/337, A/63/367[1], A/63/486[1], A/63/161, A/63/223, A/63/263, A/63/270, A/63/271, A/63/274, A/63/275, A/63/278, A/63/286, A/63/288, A/63/289, A/63/290*, A/63/292, A/63/313 and A/63/318)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/63/332, A/63/459, A/63/356, A/63/322, A/63/341 and A/63/326)

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (A/63/264 and A/63/264/Corr.1)

Statement by the High Commissioner for Human Rights, followed by question time

Statement by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General, followed by question time

Introductory statements, followed by question time

General discussion[2]

3–6 p.m. . . . . 21st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Presentations by and dialogue with:

Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief;

Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism; and

Independent Expert on the question of human right and extreme poverty

[1]To be issued.
[2]Time permitting.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 10th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

Investing in information and communications technology: Information and communications strategy for the United Nations Secretariat (A/62/793, A/62/793/Corr.1, A/62/793/Add.1 and A/63/487)

Information and communications technology: Enterprise systems for the United Nations Secretariat worldwide (A/62/510/Rev.1 and A/63/487)

Information and communications technology security, disaster recovery and business continuity for the United Nations (A/62/477 and A/63/487)

Investing in information and communications technology: status report (A/62/502 and A/62/7/Add.31)

Information and communication technology security, business continuity and disaster recovery (A/61/290 and A/61/478)

Feasibility of the application of cost-accounting principles in the United Nations Secretariat (A/61/826 and A/62/537)

Joint Inspection Unit report entitled "A common payroll for United Nations system organizations" (A/60/582)

Secretary-General's comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "A common payroll for United Nations system organizations" (A/60/582/Add.1)

Joint Inspection Unit report entitled "Knowledge management in the United Nations system" (A/63/140)

Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chiefs Executive Board on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Knowledge management in the United Nations system" (A/63/140/Add.1)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Information and Communication Technology (A/62/793, A/62/793/Corr.1, A/62/793/Add.1, A/62/510/Rev.1, A/62/477, A/62/487, A/62/502, A/62/7/Add.31, A/61/290, A/61/478, A/61/765, A/61/804, A/61/826, A/62/537, A/60/582, A/60/582/Add.1, A/60/665, A/60/665/Add.1, A/63/140 and A/63/140/Add.1))

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 12th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (A/63/33, A/63/98 and A/63/224) . [78]

Working Group

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Administration of justice at the United Nations . . . . . [129]

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)) if they wish to be inscribed on the list. Agenda items 78 (Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization), 77 (Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives) and 76 (Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts) will be discussed on Thursday, 23 October 2008. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 12th meeting of the Committee.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly
2. Executive session
3. United Nations Postal Administration
4. Executive session

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Central African Republic configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Central African Republic configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held *today*, 22 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in *Conference Room 6*.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Wednesday, 22 October 2008

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus" (under agenda item 89 (e)) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year for Human Rights Learning" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Benin)

9.30–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.9, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.32, entitled "Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements" (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the United States)

10–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on Myanmar (under agenda item 64 (c)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of France)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference C-209B

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

1.15–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights" (under agenda item 61) (Third Committee) convened by the delegation of Portugal)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on "Effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Austria)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference C-209B

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 22 October 2008

JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee experts)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

2008 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

9 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-3170B

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on strengthening the environmental activities in the United Nations system)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on Third Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Council of Presidents of the General Assembly of the United Nations

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Briefing on the draft resolution entitled "Towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations" (under agenda item 49 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Missions of Barbados and Guatemala)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

African Group (Fifth Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Arab Group (First Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Legal Matters (on criminal accountability and rule of law)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Permanent Committee of the Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic (ZPCSA) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Angola)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Mason Group

3.30–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Other activities

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Wednesday, 22 October 2008

Interactive panel on "The price of dignity: Human rights and global economics" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Department of Public Information, the NGO Committee on Human Rights and the Permanent Mission of Germany)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please call OHCHR New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5931). The event will be broadcasted at <www.un.org/webcast>.]

Demonstration by the Department of Public Information of a new United Nations information centres Web site, in the presence of the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

From 2.30 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[Delegates to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) and the Committee on Information are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-6555; e-mail ferdous@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Room S-226

11 a.m.	Mr. Kemal Dervis, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (launch the UNDP report entitled "Post-Conflict Economic Recovery: Enabling Local Ingenuity")
12 noon	Press briefing by the Spokesperson
6 p.m.	Mr. Martin Scheinin, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

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Interactive Panel on the Global Financial Crisis

An Interactive Panel on the Global Financial Crisis will be held on Thursday, 30 October 2008, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The panellists invited are Prof. Joseph Stiglitz (United States), Dr. François Houtart (Belgium), Prof. Prabhat Patnaik (India) and Dr. Pedro Páez (Ecuador).

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 16 October 2008, was sent by facsimile to all Permanent Representatives and Observers.

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 23 October 2008

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General Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 3rd meeting (closed) . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items . . . . . [7]

(a) Inclusion of an item (Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte) (A/BUR/63/1)

(b) Inclusion of an item (Commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Great Famine of 1932-1933 in Ukraine (Holodomor)) (A/63/193)

(c) Inclusion of an item (Observer status in the General Assembly for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria) (A/63/196)

(d) Request for the inclusion of an additional item by the Congo (A/63/233)

(e) Request for the inclusion of an additional item by Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan (A/63/234)

(f) Allocation of agenda item 58 (Report of the Human Rights Council)

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Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in October and November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Main Committees

First Committee

Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers for the thematic segment of the Committee's work (14 to 27 October) are kindly requested to contact Mr. Renato Monteiro (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-4193; e-mail monteiror@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

The pre-formatted drafts and sponsors' lists can be downloaded from the QuickFirst web portal at <https://secln069.un.org/quickplace/quickfirst/Main.nsf> (see section "Pre-formatted draft resolutions/decisions"). Sponsors' lists should be submitted either as a scanned attachment at the time of e-mail submission of drafts or handed in a hard copy to the secretariat on the same or next business day. Unless submission of a draft is accompanied by the sponsors' list with signatures, the title page will contain only the name of the submitting delegation. Late submission of the sponsors' list may delay processing of the draft resolutions/decisions. Any questions regarding e-mail and web portal service should be addressed to Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3051).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Requests for inscription on the list of speakers on agenda items allocated to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) should be sent to Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee

Panel discussion

The Second Committee will hold a panel discussion on "Globalization and health" on Friday, 24 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to address challenges to public health systems and communicable disease interventions in the context of globalization and contribute to a holistic approach to health and development.

The panel discussion is jointly organized by the Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the World Health Organization. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Masumi Ono, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination (tel. 1 (917) 367-4096; e-mail ono@un.org).

List of speakers

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Composition of delegations

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Reservation of rooms for informal "informal" consultations

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Third Committee

Listed below is the tentative schedule (subject to change) for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and Chairpersons of Working Groups who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

Thursday, 23 October
10 a.m.

Mr. Tomas Ojea Quintana, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar; Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; and Mr. Richard Falk, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967

3 p.m.

Mr. Manfred Nowak, Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; and Ms. Raquel Rolnik, Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living

Friday, 24 October 2008
10 a.m.

Ms. Yakin Ertürk, Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences (oral report); Ms. Margaret Sekaggya, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; and Mr. Leandro Despouy, Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers

3 p.m.

Mr. Philip Alston, Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions; and Mr. Vernor Muñoz Villalobos, Special Rapporteur on the right to education

Monday, 27 October 2008
10 a.m.

Mr. Arjun Sengupta, Chairperson of the Working Group on the Right to Development (oral report); Mr. Olivier de Schutter, Special Rapporteur on the right to food; and Mr. Cephas Lumina, Independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights

3 p.m.

Mr. Walter Kalin, Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons; Mr. Anand Grover, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health; and Mr. John Ruggie, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises

Monday, 3 November 2008
10 a.m.

H.E. Ms. Najat Al-Hajjaji, Chairperson of the Durban Review Conference Preparatory Committee; Ms. Fatimata-Binta Victoire Dah, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (oral report); and Mr. Githu Muigai, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

3 p.m.

Mr. Alexander Ivanovich Nikitin, Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Nancy Beteta (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail beteta@un.org).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 11th meeting on Thursday, 23 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 11th meeting and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals and agreed by delegations

Informal consultations on General Assembly resolution 62/90 (A/RES/62/90), entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace" (convened by the delegations of the Philippines and Pakistan)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community" (agenda item 114) (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the situation in Afghanistan (agenda item 17) (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Effects of atomic radiation" (agenda item 27) (Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)) (convened by the delegation of Canada)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from *11 a.m.* to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions" (under agenda item 67 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Foreign policy and global health" (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Promoting development through the reduction and prevention of armed violence, for the Signatory countries of the Geneva Declaration" (convened by the delegation of Switzerland, on behalf of the core group of States of the Geneva Declaration)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.32, entitled "Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements" (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the United States)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 2.30 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Trafficking in women and girls" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Operational activities for development" (under agenda item 54) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7;

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency" (under agenda item 80) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Algeria)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 9.30 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Missing persons" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Azerbaijan)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 9.30 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.9, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of France)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Human rights and extreme poverty" (under item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year for Human Rights Learning" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Benin)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Egypt)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "The role of the Ombudsman and mediation institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe" (under agenda item 114 (g)) (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Effective Promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Austria)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the "Convention on Biological Diversity (CDB)" (under agenda item 49 (f)) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 8.45 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 8; and

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

African Group (Third Committee experts)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

OIC Group (informal consultations)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

International Criminal Court (informal consultations on the Court's 2009 budget)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Eastern European Group (at the expert level)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 10 to 10.45 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Forthcoming other activities

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Special ceremony in observance of World Food Day 2008 (organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. To register, please contact the FAO Liaison Office with the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 963-6036; e-mail LON-Registry@un.org).]

Briefing by the President and the Vice-President of the International Humanitarian Fact-finding Commission (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Emmanuel Bichet, Permanent Mission of Switzerland (tel. 1 (212) 286-1540, ext. 1151; e-mail emmanuel.bichet@eda.admin.ch).]

Panel discussion on "Seizing the moment: Breakthrough measures to build a new East West consensus on weapons of mass destruction" (co-organized by the East West Institute and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, in cooperation with the British American Security Information Council (BASIC), the Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) and the NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail UNODA-web@un.org).]

Briefing by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its *Trade and Development Report 2008*

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend.]

Panel discussion on "The United Nations Human Rights Defenders Declaration after ten years: Protecting rights in a changing world" (organized by Human Rights First, the International Service for Human Rights and the Permanent Mission of Norway)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Azin Tadjdini, Permanent Mission of Norway (tel. 1 (212) 310-1549; e-mail azta@mfa.no).]

Open-ended consultations on a regional meetings series in follow-up to the Third Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons (organized by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Vera Hanus, Conventional Arms Branch (tel. 1 (917) 367-9254; e-mail hanus@un.org).]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10, to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press

officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 20 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

11th meeting (resumed) The Chairman resumed the 11th meeting.

Implementation of the declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [37]

Question of Western Sahara

The Chairman informed the Committee that action on draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.7 would be taken at its meeting on 21 October at 3 p.m.

Action on draft resolution VI (A/63/23) and the amendment (A/C.4/63/L.6)

Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

General statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Saint Lucia, Algeria, the United States, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Morocco, Algeria and Uganda.

The representatives of Algeria, Guinea-Bissau and Saint Lucia made statements of a point of order.

Amendment (A/C.4/63/L.6)

The representative of Brazil made a statement.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Australia, Ecuador, Singapore, Saint Lucia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Bolivia.

The Committee adopted the amendment, contained in document A/C.4/63/L.6, by a recorded vote of 61 to 40, with 47 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Jordan, Jamaica, Indonesia, the Philippines, Guyana, Belize, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and Guinea-Bissau.

Draft resolution VI

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Pakistan and Saint Lucia.

The Committee adopted draft resolution VI, contained in document A/63/23 (Chapter XII), as amended, without a vote.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Morocco, the United Kingdom, Argentina, Spain and Algeria.

12th meeting *Questions relating to information* . . . . . [32]

The Chairman made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Committee on Information.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate with statements by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; and the EFTA country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Thailand (on behalf of ASEAN), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Malaysia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Algeria, the United Arab Emirates.

Organization of work

The Chairman reminded the Committee that its next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 21 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Third Committee

17th meeting *Indigenous issues* . . . . . [61]

(a) Indigenous issues

(b) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

The Committee began its consideration of item 61 and its sub-items and heard introductory statements by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Acting Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development (DESA) responded to a question and comment made by the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Denmark (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Brazil, the Russian Federation, New Zealand, the Philippines, Greece, Canada, Fiji, Nepal, Guatemala, Colombia, Mexico and Chile.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the International Fund for Agricultural Development, as well as by the representative of the International Labour Organization.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Tuesday, 21 October 2008

Security Council

5997th meeting

Post-conflict peacebuilding

Report on the Peacebuilding Commission (S/2008/417)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Bangladesh, El Salvador, Guinea-Bissau, the Netherlands, Norway and Sierra Leone to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Yukio Takasu, Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission and Permanent Representative of Japan.

The Council began its consideration of the item on the agenda and heard a briefing by Mr. Takasu.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium, the United States, Italy, Indonesia, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Viet Nam, France, Burkina Faso, Panama, South Africa, Croatia, Costa Rica and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of China.

The Council heard statements by H.E. Mr. Vandi C. Minah, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Sierra Leone, and by the representatives of Guinea-Bissau, the Netherlands, El Salvador, Bangladesh and Norway.

5998th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2008/38).

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

13th–14th meetings

The summary of the 13th and 14th meetings of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/207).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

13th meeting

Implementation of the declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [37]

Question of Western Sahara

The Chairman informed members of the Committee of oral revisions to the French text of draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.7.

Action on draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.7

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.7, without a vote.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Turkey and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the country of the Stabilization and Association Process Albania, as well as Ukraine), Algeria and Morocco.

Questions relating to information . . . . . [32]

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate with statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Yemen, Colombia, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Lebanon, Japan, the Philippines, Kuwait, Singapore, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Cuba, Burkina Faso and Peru, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

Right of reply

The representatives of the United States and Cuba made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the interactive dialogue on agenda item 32 would be conducted at its meeting on Wednesday, 22 October 2008, at 3 p.m.

Third Committee

18th meeting

Indigenous issues . . . . . [61]

(a) Indigenous issues

(b) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

The Committee resumed its general discussion of agenda item 61 and its sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Ecuador, Bolivia and Nicaragua.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of sub-items 61 (a) and 61 (b).

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [64]

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-items and heard an introductory statement by the Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, New York.

The representatives of Algeria and the Russian Federation posed questions and made comments to the Director, Office of the High Commission for Human Rights, New York.

General discussion

The Committee then began its general discussion under agenda item 64 (a) and (d) and heard statements by the representatives of Suriname (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), France (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries), the Sudan, Algeria, Japan, Sri Lanka, the United States, Iraq, China, India, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Egypt and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

19th meeting

Advancement of women . . . . . [56]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.12

The representative of the Netherlands introduced the draft resolution, also on behalf of Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Chile, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and the United Kingdom, who joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Bhutan, Brazil, the Congo, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Mozambique, Nigeria, Panama, Slovakia, Switzerland and the United Republic of Tanzania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.14

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(a) Advancement of women

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.15

The representative of Senegal introduced the draft resolution on behalf of Argentina, Armenia, the Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Canada, the Congo, Honduras, Liberia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Norway, Peru, Poland, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Togo, Turkey and Zimbabwe.

Benin, Brazil, Chile, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Lesotho, Monaco, Panama, the Republic of Moldova and Sri Lanka joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [64]

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

The Committee continued its general discussion of sub-items (a) and (d) under the agenda item 64 and heard statements by the representatives of Austria, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of sub-items 64 (a) and 64 (d).

Fifth Committee

9th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Development Account

The Officer-in-Charge, Service III of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/63/335).

The Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/63/479).

Statements were made by the representatives Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union), the United States and Nicaragua.

The Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Officer-in-Charge Service III of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Tuesday, 21 October, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Mr. Carlos G. Ruiz Massieu (Mexico).

Sixth Committee

11th meeting

Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States . . . . . [72]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 72.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Kenya (on behalf of the African Group), Nigeria, Lesotho, Qatar, South Africa, Slovenia, Algeria, the Russian Federation, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Austria.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on the agenda item.

Observer status for the South Centre in the General Assembly . . . . . [151]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 151.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania introduced draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.3.

It was announced that the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Namibia, Pakistan and Viet Nam had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on the agenda item.

Observer status for the University of Peace in the General Assembly . . . . . [153]

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement and introduced draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.2.

It was announced that Colombia, Italy and Turkey had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on the agenda item.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Signature: Nicaragua (21 October 2008)

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. New York, 20 December 2006

Signature: Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (21 October 2008)

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. John Paul Kavanagh

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A/63/490	Items 116, 117 and 128 — Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services — Report on the activities of the Procurement Task Force — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

First Committee

A/C.1/63/L.4 — Item 88 — Prevention of an arms race in outer space — Algeria, Armenia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Zimbabwe: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/63/L.5 — Item 89 — General and complete disarmament — Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sweden and Switzerland: draft resolution — Decreasing the operational readiness of nuclear weapons systems [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/63/L.6 — Item 89 — General and complete disarmament — Australia, Jordan and Switzerland: draft resolution — Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on their Destruction [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/63/L.7 — Item 87 — Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons — Bangladesh, Benin, Brunei Darussalam, Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, El Salvador, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Malaysia, Myanmar, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/63/L.8 — Item 89 (t) — General and complete disarmament: regional disarmament — Bangladesh, Ecuador, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Sudan and Turkey: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/63/L.11 — Item 96 — Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction — Hungary: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/63/L.12 — Item 82 — Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament — Armenia, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/63/L.13 — Item 90 (c) — Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean — Peru: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/63/L.14 — Item 89 (v) — General and complete disarmament: nuclear disarmament — Algeria, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Congo, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guinea, Haiti, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Thailand, Uganda, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

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A/C.1/63/L.22	Item 89 (o) — General and complete disarmament: convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament — Indonesia: draft decision [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2008/494	Letter dated 28 July 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/646	Letter dated 13 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/657	Letter dated 16 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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ST/ADM/SER.B/688	Assessment of Member States' contributions for the financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB) from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 [E F S (only)]
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